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Ref: DODOIG-2019-000734
DODOIG-2019-000735

SENT VIA E-MAIL TO: 74384-45183338@requests.muckrock.com

Ms. Emma Best
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Dear Ms. Best:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests, as attached. We received your requests on May 31, 2019, and assigned them case numbers DODOIG-2019-000734 and DODOIG-2019-000735.

This office is responsible for processing all FOIA requests for access to records maintained by the Department of Defense, Office of Inspector General (DoD OIG). After carefully reviewing your requests, we cannot determine exactly which records you are seeking. In addition, the statute under which you submitted your inquiry, 5 USC § 552, requires that requesters identify requested records with sufficient detail that would allow an experienced researcher to conduct an organized non-random search. Specifically, there is nothing in your requests that would enable this Office to establish the necessary nexus or linkage between the subject of your request and the DoD OIG. The FOIA requires federal agencies to provide reasonably described records that contain information that is responsive to a FOIA request. See 5 U.S.C. § 552(a) (3) (A) (i). The FOIA, however, does not require agencies to explain records, answer questions, or conduct research. See NLRB v. Sears Roebuck & Co., 421 U.S. 132, 162 (1975); Zemansky v. EPA, 767 F.2d 569, 574 (9th Cir. 1985). For the above reason, I have determined that your letters do not reasonably describe the records that you seek; therefore, it is not a proper FOIA request.

For your information, a record is not reasonably described unless the description contains sufficient information to enable a professional agency employee familiar with the subject area to locate the records with a reasonable amount of effort. It is the requester's responsibility to reasonably describe the records sought under the FOIA. A requester may provide descriptive information in one or two ways. (1) The request must contain file-related information, such as, the type of record sought, the title, index citation, subject area, date the record was created, and the identity of the originator of the record. (2) It should contain event-related information, such as, the circumstances that resulted in the record being created and/or the date and circumstances surrounding the event that the records cover. See 32 C.F.R. § 286.4(h).

In view of the foregoing, we are not able to process your requests under the FOIA. With this action, I am administratively closing your requests. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact our office at (703) 604-9775 or foiarequests@dodig.mil.

Anna Rivera
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Requester Information

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Submitted Date 05/31/2019
Received Date 05/31/2019
Perfected Date
Last Assigned Date 05/31/2019
Assigned To Department of Defense Office of Inspector General
Last Assigned By
Request Track Simple
Fee Limit \$0.00

Request Handling

Requester Info Available to the Public No
Request Track Simple
Fee Category Select Fee Category
Fee Waiver Requested Yes
Fee Waiver Status Pending
Expedited Processing Requested No
Expedited Processing Status
Request Type FOIA
Request Perfected No
Acknowledgement Sent Date
Unusual Circumstances No
Litigation No
5 Day Notifications

Description

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Cross Reference Case(s)

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